

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness thereof.

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 7-10 are new.

New claim 7 depends from claim 1 and recites that there are a plurality of crown plies that have respectively positive and negative angles γ_1 whose reinforcement elements are crossed from one ply to the next (see paragraph 0021, second sentence of the specification for support).

Original claim 3 was drafted to cover four distinct possibilities. New, amended claim 3 recites only one of those possibilities, whereas new claims 8-10 recite the other three.

The specification has been amended at page 11 to correct an obvious error. That is, it is clear from the recitation at page 8, penultimate line, that β_0 is substantially equal to 90° , and from the recitation at page 9, line 18, that the angle α_0 can equal 9° . Accordingly, it is clear that $\alpha_0 < \beta$.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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